

IN THE  
INDIANA TAX COURT

NO.49T10-9309-TA-70

TOWN OF ST. JOHN, <i>et al.</i> ,	)
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Petitioners,	)
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v.	)
	)
STATE BOARD OF TAX	)
COMMISSIONERS,	)
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Respondents.	)
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**STATE BOARD'S  
NINTH MONTHLY REPORT**

This is the State Board of Tax Commissioners' ninth monthly report under the Court's order dated May 31, 2000, 729 N.E.2d 242, 247. The report explains the State Board's activities during February 2001 to implement the Court's order. An outline of these activities is included as Exhibit A.

*Overall Schedule*

The State Board's First Monthly Report contained a proposed schedule for adopting a new assessment rule consistent with the Court's order . The Board's activities during January 2001 are in accordance with that schedule, and the State Board expects to maintain that schedule and meet the

deadlines within it. As described below, the State Board expects to approve a new reassessment rule in early March.

#### *Work with Assessors*

The Assessor Advisory Committee met on February 8 after being provided with all of the public comments on the new rule proposals. The Assessor Advisory Committee discussed those comments at their meeting.

#### *Rule Development*

State Board staff spent much of February reviewing written comments on the proposed alternative assessment manuals. The State Board received 105 timely comments on the proposed alternative rules. A complete list of commenters is attached as Exhibit B. State Board staff are preparing recommendations for the State Board as to how to address each comment.

State Board officials, including the chairman, met with officials from the Office of the Attorney General regarding the process for Attorney General review of the rule.

The State Board expects to adopt a final rule early in March.

#### *Training*

During February, State Board staff conducted 15 continuing education classes in various locations around the State. The classes concentrated on personal property, but some concepts will be useful in implementing the 2002 General Reassessment.

*Software*

State Board personnel continued their regular meetings with the primary software vendor in the State to keep the vendor abreast of developments. In addition to this regular meeting, other staff members of the State Board met with the software vendor on February 28 to discuss changes in the format of property record cards.

*Other consultations*

During February, various State Board officials met with staff of Appraisal Research Corp. regarding cost tables, model specifications and neighborhood factors. State Board employees also met with representatives of the Indiana Manufacturers Association and the Petroleum Producers Council to discuss issues relating to reassessment.

*Statutory issues*

In the First Monthly Report, the State Board identified statutes with which it will be unable to comply under the timetable for promulgating a new assessment rule. During February 2001, the State Board has identified no additional provisions with which it will be unable to comply.

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